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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a X continuation under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior U.S. Application No. 10/042,122, filed on October 25, 2001 of Wolfgang Singer, Jörg Schultz, and Johannes Wangler for ILLUMINATION SYSTEM WITH VARIABLE ADJUSTMENT OF THE ILLUMINATION.

The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW				
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	BASIC FEE
				\$770.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	23 - 20 =	3	x \$18.00	\$54.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	7 - 3 =	4	x \$86.00	\$344.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE		x \$290.00 =		
		\$0		
TOTAL FILING FEE		\$1,168.00		
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1. XX A check in the amount of \$1,208.00 to cover the filing fee (\$1,168.00) and the recordation of assignment (\$40.00) is enclosed.

2. XX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

3. Cancel in this application original claim(s) of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

4. A copy of the executed oath or declaration from U.S. Application Serial No. filed is enclosed.

5. XX A new declaration executed by Wolfgang Singer, Jörg Schultz, and Johannes Wangler is enclosed.

6. XX A new assignment with recordation cover sheet is enclosed (including a \$40.00 fee).

7. XX 8 sheets of new formal drawings are enclosed.

8. _____ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: ---This is a
_____ continuation, _____ division, of application serial no. _____, filed
_____.---

9. XX The prior application is assigned of record to: **Carl Zeiss SMT AG**

10. XX The power of attorney in the prior application is to: **Charles N.J. Ruggiero**

a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

b. Address all future communications to : **CHARLES N.J. RUGGIERO, ESQ.**

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11. XX A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

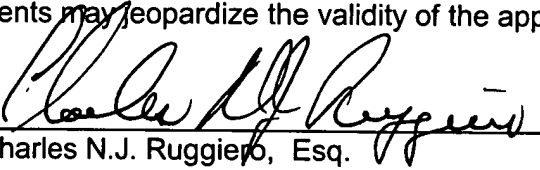
12. XX The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/042,122 filed October 25, 2001, and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 10/090,470, filed March 4, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/705,662, filed November 3, 2000, issued as Patent No. 6,400,794, which is a continuation of International Application PCT/EP99/02999, filed May 4, 1999. The present application is also claiming priority to German Patent Application No. 100 53 587.9, filed October 27, 2000, German Application No. 198 19 898.1, filed May 5, 1998, German Patent Application No. 199 03 807.4, filed February 2, 1999, and German Application No. 299 02 108.4, filed February 8, 1999. These priorities are claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119, §120, and §365;

13. XX I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application serial no. 10/042,122 as originally filed on October 25, 2001.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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